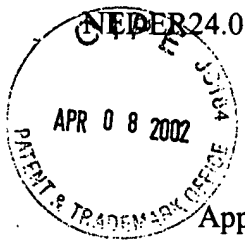


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In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, as follows:

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The present invention relates to a device for sorting wafers.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 11, as follows:

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The object of the present invention is to provide a sorting/storage/measuring device which is easier and less expensive to produce and in which the surface area required for the device can be limited without, reducing the throughput capacity. In addition, the flexibility is to be enhanced. In one embodiment, the device for sorting wafers stored in cassettes includes, among others, a housing, a wafer handling device arranged in a chamber to be sealed off with respect to the housing, a part for receiving cassettes arranged in the housing and separated from



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- (X) Submission of Proposed Drawing Amendments for Approval by Examiner
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